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THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS:

DR. WIDJOJO NITISASTRO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS STRESSED HIS DELEGATION'S CUPPORT OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES AS PROPOSED IN THE MANILA DECLARATION. "THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM DEFINITELY GOES BEYOND THE PURPORTED 'OVERALL AND INTEGRATED APPROACH' AS PROPOSED BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. FOR, IN ESSENCE, THIS APPROACH WOULD STILL BOIL DOWN TO A TECHNIQUE OF COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY SOLUTION WHICH HAS PROVED SO UNSATISFACTORY IN THE PAST.

DR. NITASASTRO WENT ON TO SAY THAT A NUMBER OF NEW PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, WHICH HIS DELEGATION WOULD STUDY WITH AN OPEN MIND. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED DEEP DIS-APPOINTMENT IN SOME OF NEW PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT NEW POROPOSALS PUT IN THE FIELD

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OF COMMODITIES DO NOT AT ALL RESPOND TO THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM

AS POSED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NAMELY PROBLEMS RELATED TO URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF REMUNERATIVE PRICES, MARKETS, AND STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS. "THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK, FOR EXAMPLE, ADDRESSES ITSELF TO PROBLEMS OF INVESTMENT AND ASSURANCE OF SUPPLY, WHILE THE PRESSING NEEDS AS FELT BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RELATE TO PRICES AND MARKET". HE WARNED THAT SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE FROM THE FUNDMENTAL PROBLEMS OF INTERANTIONAL COMMODITIES AS FORMULATED BY THOSE CONFRONTED WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

DR. NITISASTRO STRESSED HIS DELEGATION'S SUPPORT FOR LEGALLY BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HE BELEIVES THE CURRENT DEBT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL NOT YIELD TO A PURELY CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH, BUT SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH GENERALIZED MEASURES OR, AT LEAST, MEASURES BASED ON MUTUALLY AGREED GENERAL GUIDLINES.

DR. NITISASTRO EMPHASIZED THAT CIEC HAS BEEN A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THAT CIEC AND UNCTAD HAVE NOT COMPLEMENTED AND REINFORCED EACH OTHER AS WAS INTENDED.

INDIA

MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AFTER LISTING MTN AND CIEC, CALLED UNCTAD "FIRST MAJOR TEST OF THE ADEQUACY OF GOODWILL, POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND FINANCIAL POWER TO IMPLEMENT WHAT WAS AGREED AT SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS". HE EXHORTED DELEGATES TO BE "SOLDIERS IN WAR AND PARTNERS IN PROGRESS". ENDORSED TOTALLY INTEGRATED PROGRAM, EMPHASIZING MERITS OF INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR OVERSEEING COMMODITY PROBLEMS, AND KEEPING IN MIND PECULIAR PROBLEMS OF DIFFERENT COMMODITIES WITH WIDE SPECTRUM OF ARRANGEMENTS RANGING FROM PRICING TO PROCESSING AND FROM PRODUCTION TO MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION.

NOTED WITH SATISFACTION "SOME NEW AND POSITIVE IDEAS ARE NOW EMERGING FROM DEVELOPED NATIONS". CHARACTERIZED NEW IDEAS AS ELABORATION OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND SOME NEW DIMENSIONS. ASKED THAT THE NEW IDEAS BE COORDINATES SO THAT "INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY SOLUTIONS, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, AND IN CONCEPTUALLY UNIFIED PERSPECTIVE, MAY

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COMPLEMENT THE INTEGRATED APPROACH".

ENDORSED NETWORK OF TECHNOLOGY CENTERS AND ADVISORY SERVICE WITHIN UNCTAD. STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR BINDING CODE OF TECHNOLOGY.

AUSTRIA

FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JOSEF STARIBACHER TOOK POSITION SIMILAR TO US ON FOLLOWING:

- 1) AGREEMENT AT CONFERENCE ON TIMETABLE FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PROCEDURES ON COMPREHENSIVE NUMBER OF COMMODITIES.
- 2) COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS THIS YEAR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESULTS.
- 3) IMPORTANCE OF UNANIMOUS DECISIONS TAKEN IN JAMAICA.
- 4) CASE BY CASE APPROACH TO DEBT.

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

MINISTER OF FINANCE DENOUNCED CAPITALISM, IMPERIALISM AND EXPLOITATION AND APPLAUDED SOCIALISM AND SELF-RELIANCE. DENOUNCED "AID" AS "THREAT AND BLACK MAIL, PRESSURE AND SUBORDINATION" BECAUSE US RESERVED AID TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA.

SUPPORTED INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM AND INDEXATION FOR EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURES.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BELIEVES RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE ARE SUITABLE FOR ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ALL SPHERES, AND GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO UNCTAD IV. "CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE ARE A CONDITION SINE QUA NON FOR THE SUCCESSFUL
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SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS." CESSATION OF ARMAMENT RACE WOULD RESULT IN SETTING FREE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS OF ALL PEOPLE.

SUPPORTS MANILA DECLARATION.

SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ENDORSED MANILA DECLARATION, BUT SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO NEED FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS.

UNITED NATIONS STATEMENTS

DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, PREPARED FOR
JOINT UNCTAD/FAO CONSULTATIONS ON ELEVEN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR
WHICH FAO HAS SPECIALIZED GROUPS.

MENTIONED IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPING WATER RESOURCES.

IFAD GOOD STEP IN FINANCING FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, BUT ONLY FIRST
STEP.

UNDP STATEMENT BY BRADFORD MORSE RECITED HISTORY OF UNDP AND CALLED
FOR MORE FUNDS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF UN, MRS. SIPILA, STRESSED IMPORTANCE
OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WOMEN AS INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE.

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